

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Professional Development Committee Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2004

Office of EMS Conference Room

Attendance

Committee Members

Randy Abernathy
Billy Altman

Kathy Eubank
Holly Frost

Jeff Reynolds
Sabina Braithwaite

Absent

Linda Johnson

Dave Cullen

Staff

Scott Winston
Chad Blosser

Warren Short
Michael Berg

Steve Puckett

Guests

Heidi Hooker

Topic/Subject

Discussion

Action

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at
1035 AM by Randy Abernathy.

No action required

Review & Approval
of previous minutes

No previous minutes – Reformation
of committee

No action required

Agenda Items

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and
guests introduced themselves.

No action required

2. Committee Charge

Warren Short discussed charge
to the committee and a copy of
the committee charge was given
to each member.

3. Testing Trends

Warren Short reported that roll-out
of the new Practical testing feedback
reports to students and instructors
was expected in Nov/Dec 2004.

Jeffery Reynolds submitted that we were seeing a weakening of skills proficiency at the end of current courses and might look into using a hybrid of skills stations and assessment stations or utilizing a random skill station to test proficiency. A consensus was that all instructors were not insuring student's were proficient in the skills during class.

A recommendation that a set standard be developed and problems be brought before the committee for recommend action if standards were not met.

4. National Scope of Practice

A copy of the proposed National Scope of Practice was given to each member.

Discussion of the proposed changes to the National Scope of Practice with the new levels and skills was conducted and it was decided that the Professional Development Committee should submit a letter to the Nat. Committee providing feedback on the impact this change would have on Virginia's EMS system. It was decided to allow the Medical Direction Committee take the lead on the feedback and the PDC letter would mirror the letter developed by the MDC.

5. Licensure vs. Certification

Deferred to January meeting

6. Training Program Administration

Proposed changes to the Training Program were introduced by the OEMS/DED Staff and were discussed by the committee. Changes to T-665, T-110 and T-160 were discussed and will be made by the office staff.

Motion by Jeff Reynolds to accept the TPAM as proposed with noted changes. 2nd by Kathy Eubank.

7. Old Business

Warren reported that the office was piloting an web-based CE program with HealthStream in-house to insure compatibility of the computer systems. Once that had been completed the program would be piloted in Norfolk and Virginia Beach. If all was successful, the program would be released to all agencies.

8. New Business

Michael Berg reported on a requested variance to allow instructors to test students that they had taught at portion of the course.

The variance was discussed by the committee and it was very strongly suggested that the variance not be approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm

Next meeting January 12, 2005 at the VAVRS Headquarters in Oilville